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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:
Schul et al.

Serial No.: 09/812,532

Filed: March 20, 2001

For: **STEROL ESTER COMPOSITIONS**

) Examiner: Shaojia A. Jiang

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Commissioner for Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Dear Sir:

This Request for Continued Examination is filed in response to the Final Office Action dated October 1, 2002. A petition for a one-month extension of time for timely response accompanies the Request for Continued Examination and the Amendment.

Please amend the claims as follows:

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Please cancel claims 1-41 and 51-56 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

B'
Sub C'
57. (New) A clear, edible oil comprising about 10% to about 30% of a sterol ester composition, wherein the sterol ester composition comprises more than 50% monounsaturated fatty acid (MUFA) moieties. *fatty acid*